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11. (U) Sensitive But Unclassified. Not for public Internet.

12. (SBU) Per reftel, on September 11, Post spoke with Committee on Control and Social Protection Chairman Serikkali Bissakayev in the Kazakhstani Ministry of Labor and Social Protection. Chairman Bissakayev informed EconOff of the findings of a November 2008 International Labor Organization (ILO) workshop on the protection of child labor held in Taraz, southern Kazakhstan. According to Bissakayev, the findings published by the ILO demonstrate that child labor employed in the cultivation and processing of cotton and tobacco in southern Kazakhstan is limited almost exclusively to the children of seasonal migrant families from Kyrgyzstan. State law enforcement agencies continue to take preventative measures. Chairman Bissakayev concluded the discussion by thanking EconOff for the message, saying that he "welcomed further open dialogue" on child labor in Kazakhstan.

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